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DIRECTOR

March 10, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Modification of State Forest Land Exchange Stipulation
Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie County and Grand
Traverse County
Land Transaction #20031095

Applicant: G.D.O. Investments, Traverse City, Michigan

Private Land Offered: Benzie County, Almira Township; The Fractional NW ¼ of
Section 19, T27N, R13W, 148 acres m/l.

Appraised Value: \$273,000.00

State Land Desired: Grand Traverse County, Blair Township; The S ½ of NE ¼ and the
NE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 27, T26N, R11W, 120 acres m/l.

Appraised Value: \$145,000.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources'
(Department) March 31, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for
approval on April 7, 2008.

Comments: This land exchange was reviewed and approved by the Director in
January of 2005. Following discussion at the approval meeting, a
stipulation was added to the transaction that prohibited the
construction of fencing around the desired land in order to ensure
the unhindered movement of wildlife to and from a deeryard in the
area. The transaction has since closed. Subsequently, the
applicant contacted the Department to request the right to construct
a single-strand, smooth wire fence in order to clearly delineate the
boundary between State and private land.

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Wildlife and Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM) Divisions have concurred in recommending the approval of such a fence as it would not provide a significant barrier to the movement of wildlife and would not impact FMFM management.

The State deed also stipulated that the desired land will be subject to prohibition of development and timber harvest, except that timber harvest shall be permitted with written approval of the timber harvest plan by the State Forest Unit Manager.

Since closing, the owners have donated a conservation easement over the property to the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Department take such steps as are necessary in order to modify the fencing stipulation to allow the construction of a single-strand, smooth wire fence on the applicant's land.
- (2) That all other stipulations of the transaction remain in effect.

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Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

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I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

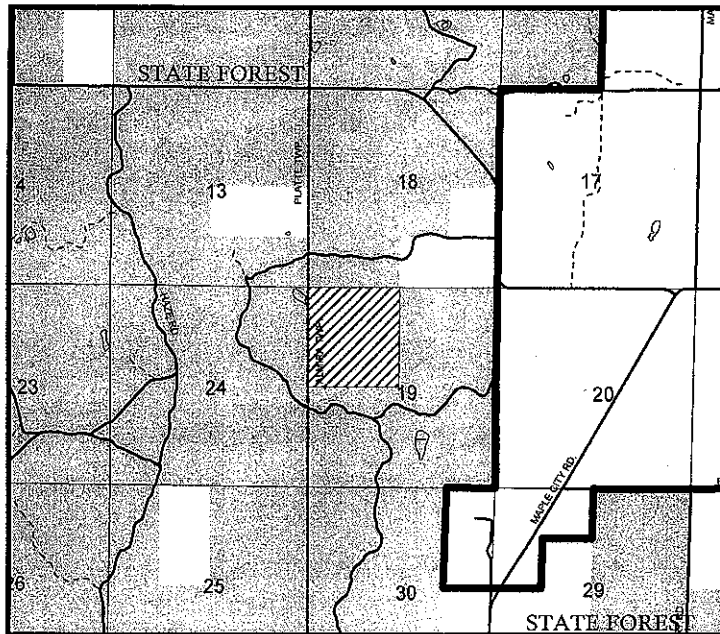
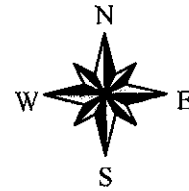
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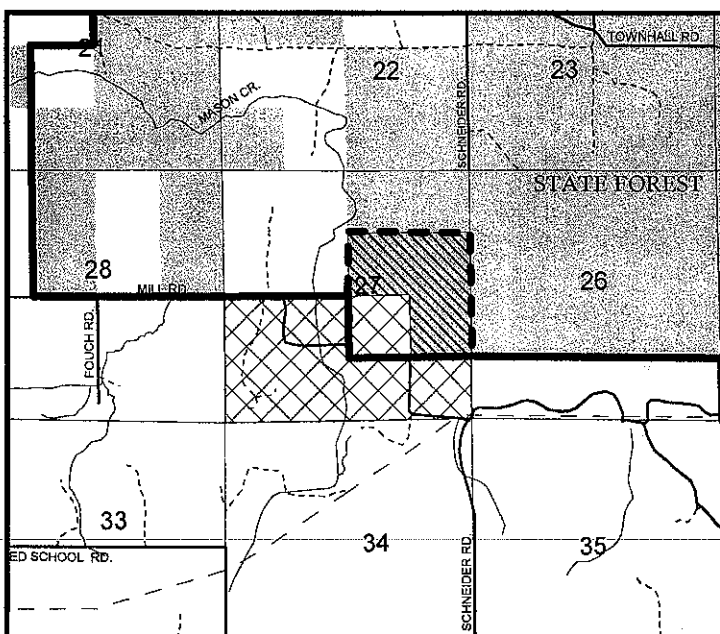
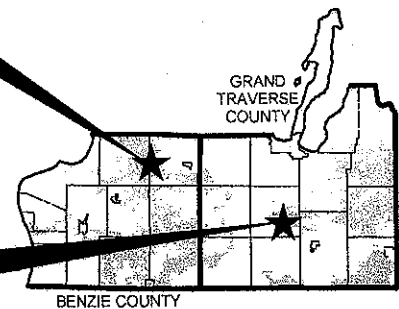
Traverse City Forest Management Unit

Benzie and Grand Traverse Counties

Land Transaction Case #20031095



T27N, R13W, Section 19
Almira Township, Benzie County



T26N, R11W, Section 27
Blair Township, Grand Traverse County

- State Forest Boundary
- Proposed Forest Boundary Change
- State Land Desired in Exchange (120.0 acres total)
- Land Offered to the DNR in Exchange (148.0 acres total)
- Applicant's Land
- State Land
- Private Land

SOURCE



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